

Understanding Muslims

QUICK STATS & CULTURE FACTS

There are over _____ Muslims in the world. Islam is considered the fastest growing religion today.

Muslims come in all _____. Do not assume that all Muslims are exactly alike or have the exact same beliefs and practices.

Islam is a religion that is all-_____ and touches on virtually all aspects of life and society. Islam's goal is nothing less than the takeover of the entire world for Allah.

THEIR BEGINNING

The religion of Islam was founded in Arabia in the 7th century A.D. by _____.

In 610 A.D., Muhammad claimed to have received his _____ call from Allah through the angel Gabriel. At first, he thought he was possessed by an evil spirit, but his wife assured him that it was from God.

Muhammad's main message was belief in _____ God and the judgment to come. He was rejected in his hometown of Mecca, and thus took flight to Medina. He gained such a great following that he was able to come back and conquer Mecca and ultimately unify all the Arab tribes under the banner of Islam.

Muhammad was a _____ man bent on exterminating whoever dared to insult him or get in his way. This mentality has remained among many Muslims today.

THEIR AUTHORITY

The word Islam means "_____". Muslim means "one who submits." The basic principle of Islam is submission to the will of Allah.

Muslims believe the _____ (or Koran) is the only sacred and verbally inspired Word of Allah, dictated to Muhammad by the angel Gabriel over a period of 23 years. It is said to be the full and final revelation of Allah, surpassing and completing all previous revelations. Wherever the Bible contradicts the Qur'an or teachings of Islam, the Muslim will say the Bible is incorrect.

Second to the Qur'an is the _____ which are the sayings of Muhammad that provide the details for Muslim life and practice.

Though orthodox Islam considers him to be only a prophet, Muhammad is highly _____ among Muslims. The majority of pious Muslims will try their best to follow Muhammad's example in many details of daily living.

THEIR BELIEFS vs THE BIBLE

Muslims believe in the absolute unity and sovereignty of a God by the name of _____. They believe Allah is none other than the God of Abraham, Moses and Jesus. The Christian doctrine of the Trinity is to be rejected.

The Bible teaches that there is one God (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 45:5; Rom. 3:30) who exists in _____ distinct Persons all of the same Substance, co-equal, co-existent and co-eternal (Genesis 1:26; 11:7-8; Isa 6:8; Matthew 28:19). God clearly reveals Himself as the Father (Malachi 2:10; Eph. 4:6; Php 4:20), the Son (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1, 14) and the Holy Spirit (Mark 3:29; Acts 5:3-4).

Muslims believe Jesus was a great prophet or apostle, but He is definitely not Allah nor equal to Allah nor the son of Allah. Anyone who believes otherwise is guilty of "_____ " and destined for hell.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is the _____ Son of God who has no beginning and is before all things (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1, 14; John 8:58; Acts 20:28; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; 1 John 5:20; Col. 1:17), and who is in His very nature equal to God the Father (John 10:30, 14:9; Php 2:6; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8, 22:13, 2:8).

Muslims believe Jesus did not actually _____ on the _____ but was taken up into heaven just beforehand. Therefore, Jesus did not die for sinners and did not rise again.

The Bible teaches that Jesus died on the cross for our _____ and was _____ from the dead, proving that He is the Son of God. (Php. 2:8; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Thes. 4:14; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rom. 1:4)

Muslims believe Muhammad is the last and the _____ of all prophets who superseded all prophets before him, including Jesus. Anyone who rejects Muhammad is an unbeliever and destined for hell.

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is exalted to the _____ place and has been given the name that is above every name. (Php. 2:9; Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:21). Belief in Jesus is the requirement for salvation and not Muhammad. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Acts 10:14; 1 John 5:11-12)

Muslims believe humans are born basically _____. They have no need of a savior, but they must have faith and follow the commands of Allah in order to reach heaven. There is no certainty of salvation for a Muslim.

The Bible teaches that humans are sinful by _____ and by _____ (Psalm 51:5; Eph. 2:1-10; Isa. 53:6; Rom 3:10-12; 1 John 1:8) and in need of a Savior (John 3:17; 1 John 4:10, 14; Rom. 5:6). Salvation is a free gift of God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone and apart from any works of our own (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Romans 3:20-28, 4:5; 11:6; John 3:16; 6:29; 2 Tim. 1:9). It is all the work of God from beginning to end (John 1:12-13, 10:27-29, 15:16; Romans 8:29-30, 9:14-16; Eph. 1:4-5, 13-14, 2:10). True believers can know that they have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13; Romans 8:15-16; Gal. 4:6; John 5:24; 4:30).

Muslims believe that God is basically _____. The important thing is not to know him, but to simply do his will.

The Bible teaches that we can know God and have _____ with Him in a personal way. (Jeremiah 9:23-24; Jer. 31:34; John 17:3; Php. 3:8; 1 John 1:3, 5:20) Our obedience to God is an evidence that we truly know Him (John 14:15; 1 John 1:6, 2:4; Titus 1:16).

HOW TO WITNESS TO MUSLIMS

Pray that God would give you a _____ for Muslims and a desire to see them come to know the true God.

Understand that you are up against a powerful _____ that has millions in bondage.

Help them to realize that the Bible is completely _____.

Speak to them about the _____ nature of God and your intimate relationship to Him.

Encourage them to get to know the Jesus of the _____ as opposed to the Jesus of the Qur'an.

For Further Study, check out:

[Answering Islam](#), Norman Geisler

[Sharing Your Faith with a Muslim](#), Abdul-Haqq

[Unveiling Islam](#), Ergun Caner

[Fast Facts on Islam](#), John Ankerberg

[Islam Revealed](#), Anis Shorrosh

[Understanding the Koran](#), Mateen Ellass

[Out of Islam](#), Christopher Alam

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